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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Jordan Bureau Monthly Report - May 1982

I. GENERAL

A. After receiving final approval [] the Bureau approached the Jordanian Royal Palace and the British Embassy with the proposal to run ponylines to them to enable them to receive FBIS traffic immediately rather than once a day six days a week via Embassy motorcycle courier as is presently the case. Major Ali Shukri, Chief of the Busman Palace Communications Office, was enthusiastic about the plan and was put in contact with a local firm that can supply the necessary equipment. The Bureau is now awaiting formal approval from the Chief of the Jordanian Royal Court to put the line into operation. British Charge Adrian Sindall was also favorably impressed but said that he would have to await the return of one of his key personnel from holiday before making a decision.

II. VISITS

A. On 24 May, David Mack, currently DCM in Tunis and slated to become State's Director of the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs/Arabian North, visited the Bureau for a briefing. Mr. Mack said that while he had found FBIS material extremely useful in his work for a number of years, particularly when he was stationed in Libya, this was the first opportunity he had to visit a bureau, and was favorably impressed with the operation.

III. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

A. BASEBALL JORDANIAN STYLE--Little did King Husayn realize the turmoil that would ensue when he allowed his 7-year-old daughter to play T-Ball at the American School. The princess was happily participating in a game under the watchful eyes of two of her bodyguards while two others were supposedly guarding her royal Mercedes when one high school

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student asked another if he could have a ride home after the game. The latter said: "Sure, just throw your gear in the back of my Mercedes (he's the son of former Yemeni royalty) and I'll take you home after this game." Doing as he was told, the first youth threw his bag into the first Mercedes he came to and, noticing the car unlocked and the keys in the ignition, locked it, took the keys and returned to the ballfield. A few minutes later, the wayward guards returned to the princess' car and, finding it locked with a mysterious bag in the back seat, immediately began yelling "Bomb". Pandemonium broke out as screaming mothers ran for their children and people threw themselves on the ground and behind stone walls in anticipation of the expected blast. Meanwhile, the courageous bodyguards had attacked the car with zeal, smashing out both back side windows with their rifle butts to get at the "bomb". They were in the process of gingerly lifting the mysterious package out of the car when the owner of the bag reappeared and excitedly demanded: "What do you guys think you're doing with my athletic gear?" The guards slowly looked at the youth, then the bag they were clutching and then the smashed windows of the Mercedes as their faces got redder and redder until, dropping the bag, they pounced on the youth and began pummeling him about the head and shoulders, loudly cursing in Arabic all the while. Only the quick intercession of the Embassy Security Officer and the school superintendent saved the frightened youth from a severe beating and a trip downtown for interrogation. No one at the game can recall if the princess' team won or not.



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Attachments:

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JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 144,400
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 51,300
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 575

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	7,810	20,885	57

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHRAIN			
BAHRAIN WAKH IN			
ARABIC		550	
CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)			
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRANIAN KORDISTAN IN			
BAHDINANI KURDISH	0		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRANIAN KORDISTAN IN			
SURANI KURDISH	0		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN			
ARABIC	0		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN			
BAHDINANI KURDISH	0		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN			
SURANI KURDISH	290		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN			
ARABIC	0		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN			
BAHDINANI KURDISH	0		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN			
SURANI KURDISH	710		
CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)			
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF PALESTINE IN			
ARABIC	8360		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF PALESTINE IN			
ENGLISH	3680		
FRANCE			
PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN			1010
ARABIC			
PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN			0
ARABIC			
IRAQ			
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN			
ARABIC	5970		
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	11340		
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
BAHDINANI KURDISH	0		
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
SURANI KURDISH	0		
BAGHDAD VOICE OF EGYPT ARABISH IN			
ARABIC	920		
BAGHDAD INA IN			
ARABIC		32360	
BAGHDAD INA IN			
ENGLISH		380	
BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN			0
ARABIC			
BAGHDAD ATH-THAKRAWI IN			0
ARABIC			
ISRAEL			
JERUSALEM IN			
ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD	1620		
JERUSALEM AL-FAJH IN			0
ARABIC			
JERUSALEM AL-MITHAQ IN			0
ARABIC			
JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN			0
ARABIC			
JERUSALEM ASH-SHA'B IN			0
ARABIC			
JERUSALEM AT-TALIAH IN			0
ARABIC			
JORDAN			
AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	10540		
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	1520		
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
ENGLISH	0		
AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN			
ARABIC		1570	
AMMAN AD-DUSTUR IN			2790
ARABIC			
AMMAN AKHBAR AL-'USBU' IN			120
ARABIC			
AMMAN AL-UFOU IN			680
ARABIC			
AMMAN AR-RA'Y IN			680
ARABIC			
AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN			2640
ENGLISH			
MONACO			
MONTE CARLO RADIO MONTE CARLO IN			
ARABIC	3380		
QATAR			
DOHA QNA IN			
ARABIC		0	
SUDAN			
KHARTOUM SUNA IN			6280
ARABIC			
KHARTOUM SUNA IN			680
ENGLISH			
SYRIA			
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	39280		
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	1480		
DAMASCUS VOICE OF EGYPT IN			
ARABIC	570		
DAMASCUS SANA IN			6260
ARABIC			
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
ABU DHABI WAM IN			
ARABIC		0	
UNITED KINGDOM			
LONDON REUTER IN			2140
ENGLISH			
YEMEN (YAR)			
SAN'A' DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	5260		

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ATTACHMENT B

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

1. Total wirefiled FBIS wordage during May 1982 was 195,700, a decrease of 15,510 compared with April 1982. The highest daily total was 14,790 on 8 May, while the lowest was 3,400 on 28 May. The daily average was 6,313 compared with 7,040 in April 1982.

2. All wordage was filed over the Embassy circuit.

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3. The following is a breakdown of total outgoing/incoming wordage, figures include reruns:

<u>OUTGOING</u>	<u>WORDAGE</u>	<u>ITEMS</u>
FBIS	191,100	1,018
DAO/MAP	31,300	288
Svc Msgs	6,990	699
TOTALS	229,390	2,005

<u>INCOMING</u>	<u>WORDAGE</u>	<u>ITEMS</u>
FBIS	268,500	1,186
DAO/MAP	256,900	817
STATE	1,011,500	4,009
Svc Msgs	7,480	748
TOTALS	1,544,380	6,760

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ATTACHMENT C

ENGINEERING REPORT

1. RECEIVED

1. ITT Parts, from Nicosia
2. Fifteen 3m Videotape cassettes, from Headquarters
3. Two gear and pulley assembly for EXTEL RO, from Nicosia
4. One Adler arm assembly for EXTEL RO, from Nicosia
5. Technical literature, from Nicosia

2. SENT

1. Nothing